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Gentlemen,

Following are our testimonies regarding Bill No 10 Relating to the use of bags provided to customers.
We thank you for your consideration.

From the Management and Staff of KYD, Inc.

Sincerely yours,

Carmelita Phillips
Vice-President/Controller

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LOCATION: REGULAR MEETING COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2012

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

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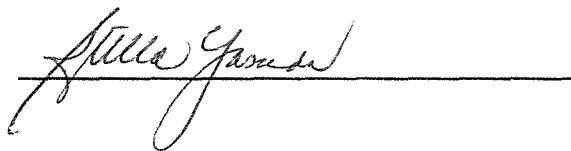
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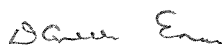
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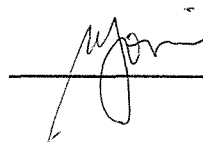
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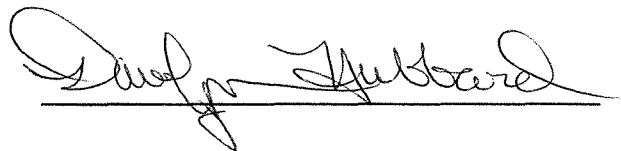
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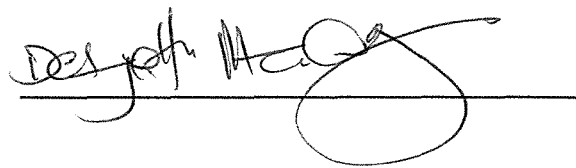
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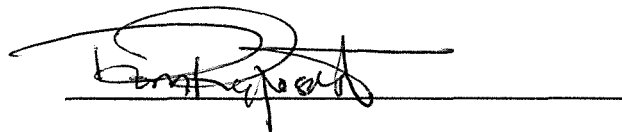
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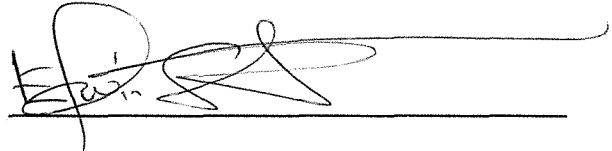
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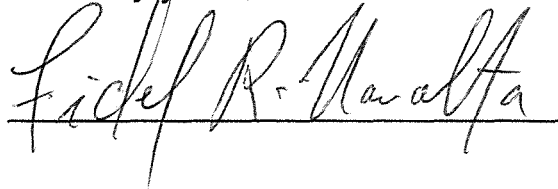
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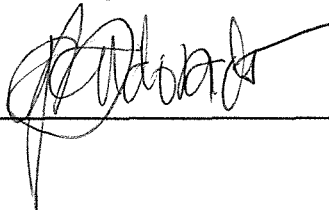
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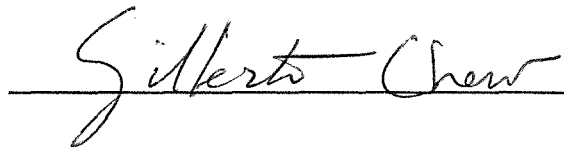
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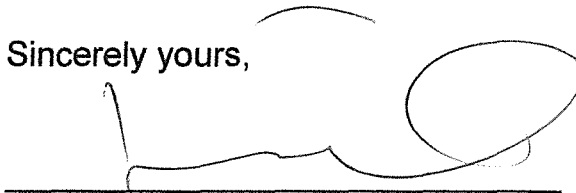
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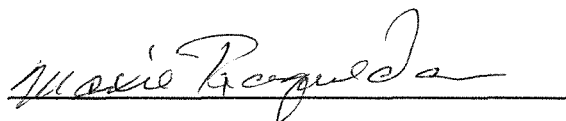
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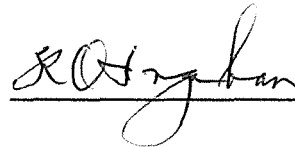
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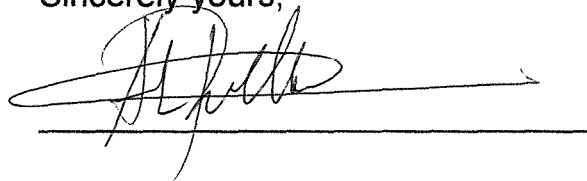
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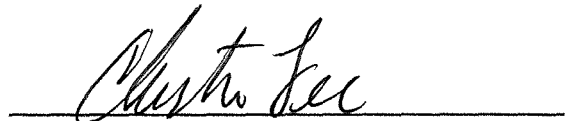
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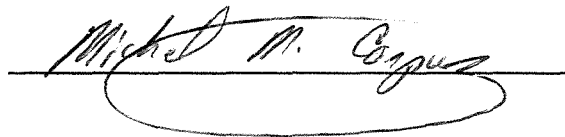
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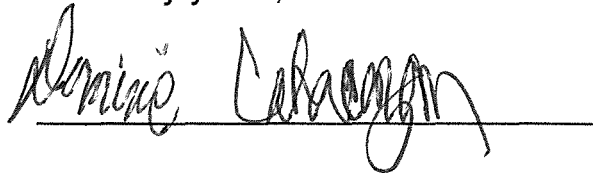
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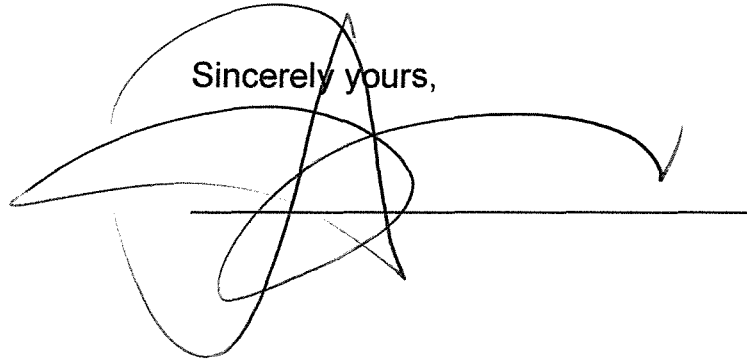
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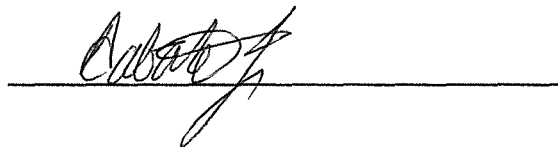
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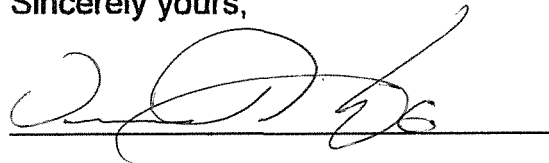
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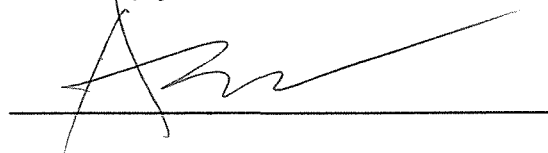
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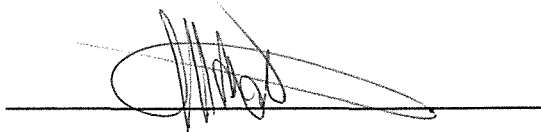
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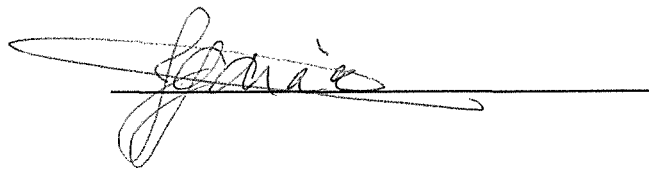
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LOCATION: REGULAR MEETING COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2012

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

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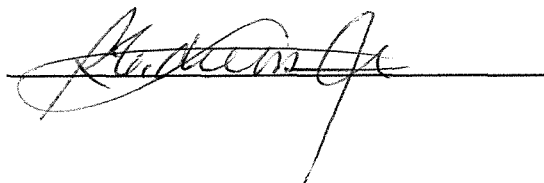
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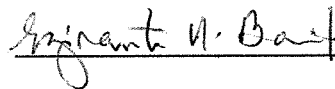
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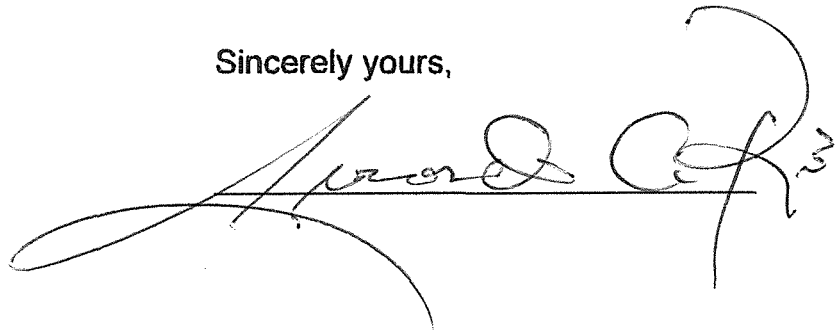
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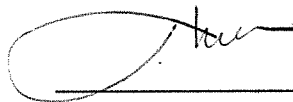
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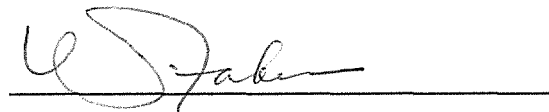
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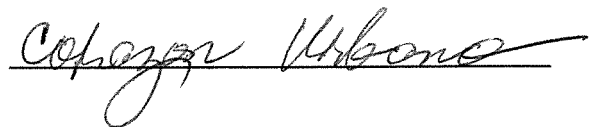
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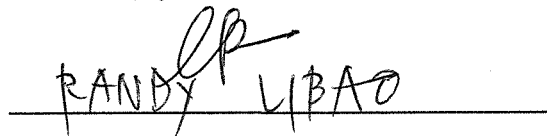
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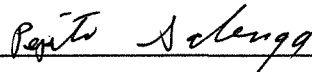
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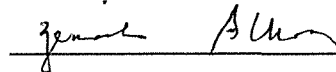
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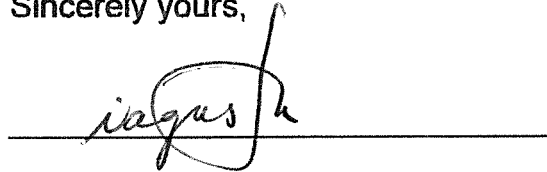
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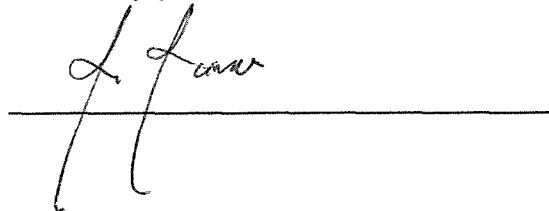
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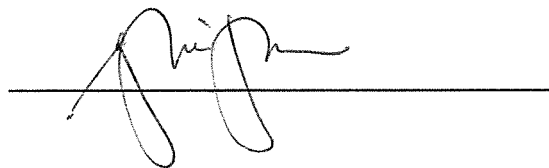
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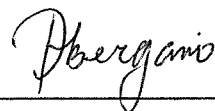
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